

**STRANGE  
TOWN**



# DR KORCZAK'S EXAMPLE

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**SCHOOLS TOUR 2019  
REPORT**

# DR KORCZAK'S EXAMPLE:

Performed in

# 17

schools from Aug 30  
to Sept 27 2019

- 11** City of Edinburgh Council schools
- 4** independent schools in Edinburgh
- 1** in Fife
- 1** in East Lothian



An **information pack** for the production was created and sent to all the schools - available on request.

## SCHOOLS

Edinburgh Academy, Craigmount High, Royal High, Wester Hailes Education Centre, Drummond Community High, George Watson's College, Forrester High, Broughton High, George Heriot's, Balwearie High, Queensferry High, St. Augustine's High, Dunbar Grammar, Leith Academy, Trinity Academy, Currie High & Mary Erskine's.

Total number of secondary school pupils who saw a performance of *Dr Korczak's Example*

# 1,304

Number of staff who watched a performance

## 78

Largest audience

## 275

Smallest audience

## 15

**Post show discussions** with the director and/or cast took place in all 17 schools.

Employment was created for 8 people: **1 director, 1 assistant director, 3 actors, 1 stage manager, 1 lighting technician, 1 set designer and one volunteer.**

The schools tour was funded by the City of Edinburgh's *A Sense of Belonging Arts Programme* and by an anonymous donor.



# FEEDBACK:

The students and I thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

We were both moved and saddened by the events portrayed upon stage. The tone of the piece allowed us to reflect on moments in History, thinking about our own choices and reactions if indeed we had been present at that time.

The minimalistic set, use of puppetry and intimate space created by both lighting and staging allowed one to be transported to a different time and place.

Overall, a fantastic watching experience for all and we hope to see you again next year when touring.

**TEACHER**

I like how the play was brought to life and made realistic.

**PUPIL**

I enjoyed the play so much, it was amazing and well played. The part I liked the most is when the characters all worked together to help each other.

**PUPIL**

It was amazing! The kids had such a great time and the company were so generous, taking time to answer questions and offer advice.

**TEACHER**

My favourite bit was when they dropped the Jewish stars at the end. I thought it was really symbolic.

**PUPIL**

The play was such a good play – it was realistic – would recommend it to everyone.

**PUPIL**

Thanks for yesterday. The young people really enjoyed it and felt it was an important story. They seemed to really appreciate the sound cues – many of them mentioned this. They also agreed it was informative.

**TEACHER**

*Dr Korczak's Example made me cry. It was very good, interesting and well-acted!*

**PUPIL**

The pupils loved the show. It's the most animated and engaged they've been for weeks. I would recommend it to all schools and hope you'll be doing something similar again.

**TEACHER**



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Strange Town have performed at The Scottish Storytelling Centre, Out of the Blue, The Royal Lyceum Theatre, Assembly Roxy, Rothes Halls, Glenrothes, Hill Street Theatre, The Traverse, Summerhall, the Great Hall Edinburgh Castle, MacRobert, St. John's Church in the West End, underneath the East Stand at Easter Road, Leith Theatre and countless schools across Scotland.

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